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Injury by False Reports.

The grand jury of Greater New York is investigating charges made by a Brooklyn railroad company to the effect that its interests have been materially injured by the circulation of false reports in Wall street respecting its affairs. Witnesses are being examined, and the responsibility for the reports is fixed, those who have been injured are likely to be punished. The law prescribes a fine, or imprisonment, or both.

A Certain Liberty is Claimed for Those who Speculate in Stocks.

It is very clear that such liberty is not only a right, but a duty. It is a right to be free from the influence of a mere hint, or even upon his own unexpressed suspicions, but he may not pass along that unexamined hint, or influence the operations of others by expressing his own suspicions. It is a duty to be free from the influence of a mere hint, or even upon his own unexpressed suspicions, but he may not pass along that unexamined hint, or influence the operations of others by expressing his own suspicions.

The Oleo Frauds Unpardonable.

The power of pardon is given to the President as a humane agency, to prevent unjust suffering, to permit a nice adjustment between justice and equity than the law at some places and under some circumstances. When rightly, wisely used this power often becomes an aid in the upholding of the law, by tempering it to the peculiar needs of individual cases. But it is potent for evil as well as for good. It is a power of great responsibility. A prisoner dying in a cell may not safely be spared the torture of death separated from friends and family. A man condemned by technicalities and yet morally innocent may justly be freed. A man who has sinned under great provocation and has suffered in confinement for a long term may properly at times be adjudged a fit subject for clemency. In the certain knowledge that the law's lesson has been well learned and the security of society conserved by his afflictions.

But none of these considerations apply to the men who are now seeking pardon after conviction for violating the oleomargarine laws. Their offense was despicable. They were engaged in a double fraud upon the people, foisting upon them a falsely named article of food, and cheating them out of their money by charging for this imitation the price of the real article. There is no fact in the whole case to palliate their misdemeanor. They had been guilty of greater offenses before they were finally entrapped to answer them. They had used their money to pay for a license to sell oleomargarine, and they had been guilty of greater offenses before they were finally entrapped to answer them.

And yet that is precisely what has been done and what is still being done. The offenders are well known. They have not been working in a corner, but openly, and as if proud of their performances. No investigation by a grand jury is necessary to uncover them. They are so easily accessible to the public that they are as senators and representatives in Congress, or as private citizens, they are entitled to their opinions and to the liberty of expressing them. But where their actions so clearly injure the country they cannot escape responsibility for what the country is suffering at their hands.

The Nation's Dead.

One hundred and fifty of the sailors who met their death on the battle ship Maine in Havana harbor nearly two years ago are now being buried in Arlington cemetery. Their graves are honored by the nation. Near them are the graves of soldiers who died in Cuba in the campaign which the explosion in the harbor precipitated. It is appropriate that these bodies should have been returned to this country, under such solemn auspices. By their presence at Arlington today, President McKinley, the members of his cabinet, Admiral Dewey and other high officers of the government testified to the deep grief of the people of this country for the disaster of February 15, 1898. The Maine's men were sent to their death without warning, without a chance for their lives. No glory was theirs, such as comes to the soldier or the sailor who falls in the night, a factor in victory. Their last hours were cheered by no thoughts of success or useful sacrifices. Suddenly, out of the gloom of night, life was wrung from them by a deed as dark and atrocious as any in history, a deed which in its ultimate effects changed the map of the world and the fortunes of nations. Some day the mystery of this calamity will perhaps be unveiled. Until then the American people cannot avoid the feeling that those men buried today at Arlington were the victims of a monstrous murder, committed doubtless in fanaticism or in a misguided patriotic fervor. Officially, the record is closed. The verdict is rendered, and the punishment has been administered. But there is a sense of justice not altogether satisfied, and it will remain an open question until the winds of human airtis will lift in the shelter of a nation's care, just as their dependants have been pensioned by a government which can express its gratitude and sympathy just as freely for those who suffer through such indirect martyrdom as for those who have earned its protection through the direct sacrifices of battle and campaign.

It is to be assumed that none of the people who wish to explode the Santa Claus idea among children ever participated in 329 per cent profit schemes, or fictitious real estate booms, or the various other deceptions to which adults are prone.

The Drop in Temperature is another reminder to the coal baron that everything comes to him who waits.

An Alleged Secret Treaty.

Whether immediately verified or not, the story which comes from Berlin that a secret treaty exists between Germany and England regarding a division between those powers of Portugal, Guinea possessions, is of keen interest just at present. It bears directly upon the conduct of the campaign in Natal and Cape Colony. According to the statement as published England is to secure possession of Delagoa bay and all that portion of Portuguese East Africa lying south of the Zambezi river, about half the area, while Germany takes the northern half and certain scattered holdings of Portugal. These are the northern half of the island of Timor, lying just above Australia; Macao, a small settlement in China, immediately south of Hong Kong, and Diu, Goa and Damao or Daman, coast settlements in British India. Diu is a small island lying just south of the peninsula of Guzerat, at the western extremity of India. A money consideration is mentioned, of course, on Germany's side.

There has been friction between England and Portugal over the boundaries of the Lorenao Marques territory for several years. In 1894 a treaty was signed, but the natives living under Portuguese rule continued so unruly that England found occasion now and then to lay a restraining hand upon them to "protect" her interests near by. The treaty was not altogether satisfactory. In 1893 Portuguese officials had seized the Delagoa bay railroad line just south of the Transvaal, and thereby precipitated a claim for indemnity by an American, Edward M. Murodo, the original promoter and chief owner of the road, whose widow is now the claimant. This action complicated the financial embarrassments of the Portuguese colonial administration, already heavy, and gave additional force to the consummation of a transfer of Delagoa bay to England, which had previously been arranged with the consent of Germany. At the same

time the claim prevented an immediate readjustment.

The American claim against Portugal was referred in 1890 to a commission of arbitration, to be named by the president of Switzerland, and a decision is expected within the next two months. It is expected that it will be vital to the extent of about \$100,000, half of this for the American claimant and the remainder for the English government for damages incurred through the seizure of the railroad and other affronts. The transfer of the Delagoa bay sovereignty has been withheld pending this decision, and the understanding now is that the alleged secret treaty with Germany is conditioned upon a decision against Portugal, which seems inevitable. So there is an historical basis for the story, whether it receives immediate confirmation or not.

Should England secure all of Portuguese East Africa south of the Zambezi she will effectually control communications with the Transvaal, unless the Boers should fight for and secure a holding through to the sea. The outline of the treaty cabled from Berlin suggests a peculiar combination of British and German colonial holdings. Germany, on this basis, obtains a foothold at three places along the west coast of India, one immediately north of Australia and one within an international stone's throw of Hong Kong.

The Mormon husband is assumed by his doctrine to have the right to designate those of his wives who shall have the privilege of accompanying him to a future world and those who shall be left behind. It is small wonder that the Mormon wives seem so obedient and approving.

A New York woman routed a burglar with her trusty tin pin. The right to carry hat pins and at the same time avoid complications with laws against concealed weapons is another of the immunities very properly enjoyed by the gentler sex.

A great many people who resent snow storms of any kind will revive long-past memories and be grateful because it was not a blizzard.

This custom of wishing people a happy new year may strike Mr. Roberts of Utah as rather harsh and hollow.

SHOOTING STARS.

Serious.

"Do you think the fighting talk indulged in by those two pugilists is anything serious?"

"Serious," answered the manager. "I should say so. I never saw such ill-feeling. Why, I should be surprised if they came to blows."

To the Earth.

"'Tis long since first you came of age," the cynic scoffs, with scorn intense.

"And yet you bicker and you rage— You're old enough to have more sense."

Interrupted Enjoyment.

"Did you enjoy your vacation?" asked the congressman's friend.

"Not much," answered the member from Cowtrack Crossing. "It's kind of hard to hear all the folks saying that vacations are good things for the country, 'cause when we're home the public can see we ain't doing any damage."

Too Busy.

"You have my sincere sympathy," said the anti-expansionist.

"Much obliged," answered the Filipino; "but you mustn't expect me to stop and listen to any speech on the subject. I've got to retreat, you know."

Wouldn't Think of It.

"It's no use," said Mr. Blykins; "I won't speak to him any more. He's too controversial."

"You might simply wish him a happy New Year, and say no more."

"Wish him a happy New Year! And start another argument as to when the next century begins?"

The Inevitable.

With a uniform gay and a laugh that is glad

There comes every morning a brave little lad

To wake the alarm clock which lags by the way

And tell the whole house of the breaking of day.

The tune that he plays is the favorite

"mongst boys.

A small share of rhythm and plenty of noise;

He startles the dog and surprises the cat

As he plays on his drum, Major Rattatattat.

And following close with a faithful refrain

Is the brother, who whistles with might and with main

On his life made of tin. And the tumult

which falls

On our ears is enough to shake Jericho's walls.

He has never a fear as he hastes to the fray

Where 'mid pillowed entrenchments his sire waits the day.

And vainly beseeches and beg him be mute.

Entreaties can't move Captain Rootytoo-too.

They ask no assistance, these officers fine,

But play their own music when they are in line.

They are veterans bold. It is useless to

sold.

The soldier's weakness they've tested of old.

In case of repulse fortune can't go amiss

For amnesty straight is obtained by a kiss.

So you may as well yield when you hear

the salute

Of Rattatattat and of Rootytoo-too.

A Neglected Opportunity.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

There was a time, during the war of the revolution, when a little more exertion on the part of the Americans would have captured what is now the Dominion of Canada and extended the territory of the United States to the Arctic ocean. It is a fact that had been done it would have saved an immense amount of international bickering and serious business troubles. For instance, here is Canada's objection to the project for damming the Niagara river in order to develop the lakes and so benefit navigation. It would benefit Canadian navigation as well as American, but Canada has fallen into the habit of quarrelling over everything that touches the lakes and so benefit navigation. It would benefit Canadian navigation as well as American, but Canada has fallen into the habit of quarrelling over everything that touches the lakes and so benefit navigation.

While there are evils and crimes that come with the pursuit of wealth in all countries and all times, it is safer for the ordinary man to be good when his wants are abundantly supplied. The world-wide prosperity, therefore, means more happiness, more charity and more well doing.

Two Good Resolutions.

From the Providence Journal.

The next few days may profitably be employed in forming good resolutions to be put into effect on New Year day. First among them should be one to stop arguing about the relative merits of Sampson and Schley, and another to stop further discussion of the date at which the century ends.

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Candies.

Tons of Choice Candies—all guaranteed pure, from the finest materials and imported from Europe and America.

1,000 lbs. "Mixed Candies," in broken sticks and chips, 10c. per lb. Other Mixtures, 12c. 20c. and 40c. per lb.

Finest Chocolates, Jordan Sugar Almonds, Best French Chocolate; Mr. Bryan's Orange and Lemon Peel, Cream-filled Ginger and Mandarin Ginger, etc., etc.

Choicest Fruits, &c.

Pink Malaga Grapes, Indian River Oranges, Manzanilla Apples, Lady Apples, Albemarle Pippin Apples, Cranberries, French Chestnuts, etc.

Lays and Washed Eggs in baskets; Dates, Prunes, Currants and other Dried Fruit, Quinces, Apples, Pimientos, Stuffed Dates and Prunes, with all kinds Meats, etc.

Plum Puddings.

Richardson & Robbins', Gordon & Dilworth's, Atmore's, and other leading brands, Atmore's at the following low prices:

1-pound cans.....22c.

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Atmore's in bulk, 12c. lb. Currier Bros., 3-lb. jars, 6c.—6-lb. jars, 8c.

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At which time all remnants that accumulated during the almost phenomenal holiday business will be offered for prompt selling at prices which the economically inclined will find very attractive.

In our determination to enter the new year with shelves and counters filled with absolutely fresh and clean merchandise, we have chosen Friday and Saturday to clear out all remnants, odds and ends, and the like, resultant from the December business.

To accomplish this purpose in a couple days necessarily means very positive price reductions—therefore all goods of a remnant character have been ticketed, marked and grouped on separate tables, and will be sold at very specially low prices in order to make the quickest possible clearance.

While this sale includes Handkerchiefs, Aprons, Hosiery, Towels, Books and other things smirched or crushed from handling, or doing duty as Christmas decorations, it also includes short ends, odd sizes, broken lots, etc., of Dress Goods, Silks, Ribbons, Linens, Laces, Underwear and the like—highly desirable goods of this season's production for personal and home uses, among which are many splendid bargains.

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